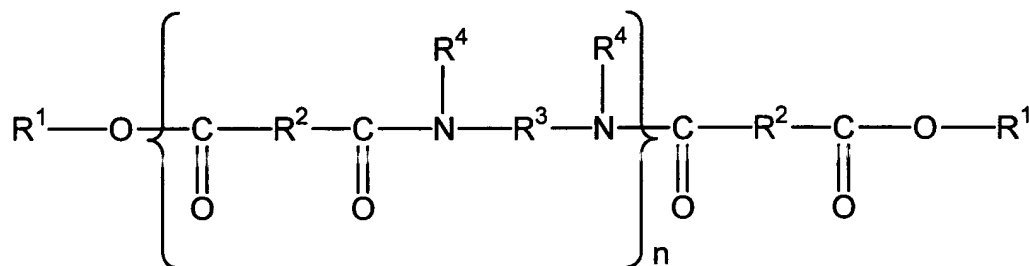


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1. (Currently amended) A structured mascara_composition comprising at least one liquid fatty phase,

wherein said at least one liquid fatty phase is structured with a sufficient amount of at least one structuring polymer, wherein said at least one structuring polymer is chosen from polymers of formula (I) below and mixtures thereof:



in which:

- n is an integer which represents the number of amide units such that the number of ester groups present in said at least one structuring polymer ranges from 10% to 50% of the total number of all said ester groups and all said amide groups comprised in said at least one structuring polymer;

- R¹, which are identical or different, are each chosen from alkyl groups comprising at least 4 carbon atoms and alkenyl groups comprising at least 4 carbon atoms;

- R², which are identical or different, are each chosen from C₄ to C₄₂ hydrocarbon-based groups with the proviso that at least 50% of R² are chosen from C₃₀ to C₄₂ hydrocarbon-based groups;

- R^3 , which are identical or different, are each chosen from organic groups comprising atoms chosen from carbon atoms, hydrogen atoms, oxygen atoms and nitrogen atoms with the proviso that R^3 comprises at least 2 carbon atoms; and

- R^4 , which are identical or different, are each chosen from hydrogen atoms, C_1 to C_{10} alkyl groups and a direct bond to group chosen from R^3 and another R^4 such that when said at least one group is chosen from another R^4 , the nitrogen atom to which both R^3 and R^4 are bonded forms part of a heterocyclic structure defined in part by R^4-N-R^3 , with the proviso that at least 50% of all R^4 are chosen from hydrogen atoms; and

wherein said at least one structuring polymer is combined with at least one amphiphilic compound which has an HLB value of less than 8, and with at least one dyestuff.

2 - 11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one amphiphilic compound comprises at least one lipophilic part bonded to at least one polar part.

13. (Original) A composition according to Claim 12, wherein said at least one lipophilic part comprises a carbon-based chain comprising at least 8 carbon atoms.

14. (Original) A composition according to Claim 13, wherein said at least one lipophilic part comprises from 16 to 32 carbon atoms.

15. (Original) A composition according to Claim 14, where said at least one lipophilic part comprises from 18 to 28 carbon atoms.

16. (Original) A composition according to Claim 12, wherein said at least one polar part is chosen from compounds derived from alcohols comprising from 1 to 12 hydroxyl groups, polyol groups comprising from 2 to 12 hydroxyl groups, and polyoxyalkylene groups comprising at least 2 oxyalkylene units.

17. (Original) A composition according to Claim 16, wherein said polyoxyalkylene groups are chosen from polyoxyalkylene groups which comprise from 0 to 20 oxypropylene units and from 0 to 20 oxyethylene units.

18. (Original) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one amphiphilic compound is chosen from esters.

19. (Original) A composition according to Claim 18, wherein said esters are chosen from hydroxystearates of glycerol, oleates of glycerol, isostearates of glycerol, hydroxystearates of sorbitan, oleates of sorbitan, isostearates of sorbitan, hydroxystearates of methylglucose, oleates of methylglucose, isostearates of methylglucose, hydroxystearates of branched C₁₂ to C₂₆ fatty alcohols, oleates of branched C₁₂ to C₂₆ fatty alcohols and isostearates of branched C₁₂ to C₂₆ fatty alcohols.

20. (Original) A composition according to Claim 19, wherein said branched C₁₂ to C₂₆ fatty alcohols are chosen from octyldodecanols.

21. (Original) A composition according to Claim 18, wherein said esters are chosen from monoesters and diesters.

22. (Original) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one amphiphilic compound is present in a concentration ranging from 0.1% to 35% by weight of the total weight of said composition.

23. (Original) A composition according to Claim 22, wherein said at least one amphiphilic compound is present in a concentration ranging from 2% to 15% by weight of the total weight of said composition.

24. (Original) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one structuring polymer is present in a concentration ranging from 0.5% to 80% by weight of the total weight of said composition.

25. (Original) A composition according to Claim 24, wherein said at least one structuring polymer is present in a concentration ranging from 5% to 40% by weight of the total weight of said composition.

26. (Original) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one liquid fatty phase comprises greater than 40% by weight of the total weight of said at least one liquid fatty phase of at least one apolar oil.

27. (Original) A composition according to Claim 26, wherein said at least one liquid fatty phase comprises greater than 50% by weight of the total weight of said at least one liquid fatty phase of at least one apolar oil.

28. (Original) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one liquid fatty phase comprises at least one oil.

29. (Original) A composition according to Claim 28, wherein said at least one oil is chosen hydrocarbon-based oils of mineral origin and hydrocarbon-based oils of synthetic origin.

30. (Original) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one liquid fatty phase comprises at least one apolar oil.

31. (Original) A composition according to Claim 30, wherein said at least one apolar oil is chosen from parleam oil, isoparaffins and squalane.

32. (Original) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one liquid fatty phase is present in a concentration ranging from 5% to 99% by weight of the total weight of said composition.

33. (Original) A composition according to Claim 32, wherein said at least one liquid fatty phase is present in a concentration ranging from 20% to 75% by weight of the total weight of said composition.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Canceled)

36. (Previously presented) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one dyestuff is chosen from lipophilic dyes, hydrophilic dyes, pigments and nacs.

37. (Currently amended) A composition according to Claim ~~35~~ 1, wherein said at least one dyestuff is present in a concentration ranging from 0.01% to 40% by weight relative to the total weight of said composition.

38. (Original) A composition according to Claim 37, wherein said at least one dyestuff is present in a concentration ranging from 5% to 25% by weight relative to the total weight of said composition.

39 - 41. (Canceled)

42. (Original) A composition according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one suitable additive chosen from water optionally thickened or gelled with an aqueous-phase thickener or gelling agent, antioxidants, essential oils, preserving agents, fragrances, neutralizing agents, liposoluble polymers, cosmetically active agents, dermatologically active agents and waxes.

43. (Original) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition is in a form chosen from a paste, a solid, a cream, an oil-in-water emulsion, a water-in-oil emulsion and an anhydrous gel, optionally translucent or transparent.

44 - 48. (Canceled)

49. (Original) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one amphiphilic compound has an HLB value ranging from 1 to 7.

50. (Original) A composition according to Claim 49, wherein said at least one amphiphilic compound has an HLB value ranging from 1 to 5.

51. (Original) A composition according to Claim 50, wherein said at least one amphiphilic compound has an HLB value ranging from 3 to 5.

52 - 74. (Canceled)

75. (Original) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition has a hardness ranging from 20 g to 2000 g.

76. (Original) A composition according to Claim 75, wherein said composition has a hardness ranging from 20 g to 900 g.

77. (Original) A composition according to Claim 76, wherein said composition has a hardness ranging from 20 g to 600 g.

78 - 102. (Canceled)

103. (Previously presented) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one structuring polymer is chosen from ethylenediamine/stearyl dimer tallate copolymer.